

**February 1, 2013**

**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

### **The Detroit News: ACLU, labor groups sue to block Michigan right-to-work law**

"A beefed-up lawsuit filed Thursday by labor unions and the ACLU of Michigan is the latest legal attempt to roadblock implementing Michigan's right-to-work law that takes effect in less than two months.... While unions are going on the offensive to stop the right-to-work laws from going into effect March 27, Gov. Rick Snyder asked the Michigan Supreme Court to consider the constitutionality of the laws in a bid to stave off protracted court battles with organized labor."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Detroit Free Press: Injunction sought on right-to-work law: Passage violated Open Meetings Act, unions say**

[Full story](#)

### **The Daily Tribune: ACLU challenges new right-to-work law**

[Full story](#)

**Note:** The article also ran in the Macomb Daily, the Morning Sun and the Oakland Press.

### **Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Labor unions and Michigan ACLU file suit against right-to-work legislation**

[Full story](#)

### **The MiLW Blog: ACLU, unions sue to block right-to-work law, citing Open Meetings Act violation**

[Full story](#)

### **WKAR News/East Lansing: Unions, ACLU Sue To Block Right-To-Work Law**

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### **Battle Creek Enquirer: Former judge John Brundage marvels at his remarkable life**

"To John Brundage, now well into his second decade of comfortable retirement ensconced in his home of 35 years in the woods north of Marshall, it's all been a bit of a surprise."

[Full story](#)

**\*\* The article is available by subscription only.**

### **Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Familiar look at the top of RESTORE Foundation**

"For much of the past decade, he presided over the juvenile drug court program in Oakland County, a judicial assignment that became a 'labor of love' for the longtime jurist."

[Full story](#)

### **Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Short Circuit**

"The Oakland County Bar Association New Lawyers Basic Skill Seminar Series 'Introduction to Practice' continued with a look at the topic of 'Circuit Court' on Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Oakland County Bar Center."

[Full story](#)

### **Flint Journal: Genesee County judge to veterans in new court: 'Your life is still fixable'**

"Kathryn Schillman knew her son needed help when she called Genesee Probate Chief Judge Jennie Barkey.... On Thursday, Jan. 31, Nik Schillman became the first defendant in Genesee County's veterans treatment court.... Flint District Judge Nathaniel C. Perry III and Genesee District Judge David J. Goggins will also hear cases in the new court."

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### **Grand Rapids Press: Deputy's son convicted in Traverse City girl's killing could be re-sentenced, appeals court says**

"The state Court of Appeals has ordered a judge to provide an explanation for exceeding guidelines in sentencing a 19-year-old Traverse City man in the killing of his friend, Carly Jean Lewis, 16. Circuit Judge Thomas Power sentenced Robert Schwander, the son of a Grand Traverse County sheriff's deputy, to 40 to 70 years in prison for second-degree murder."

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### **Lansing State Journal: Lansing lawyer accused of embezzling from child's settlement to stand trial**

"A disbarred Lansing attorney charged with embezzling a child's settlement money has waived his right to a hearing that would have determined if there was enough evidence for a trial."

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### **Macomb County Legal News: Judge addresses PALS meeting**

"The Polish American Legal Society (PALS) conducted its first meeting of the new year at the Polish Village Café in Hamtramck. The featured speaker was Macomb County Probate Court Judge Carl. J. Marlinga. Happy to present Marlinga to PALS were retired Judge Richard Wygonik and Wayne County 20th District Court Chief Judge Mark J. Plawecki."

[Full story](#)

### **Macomb County Legal News: Honoring work to reduce domestic violence**

"If 15th District Court Judge Elizabeth Hines looks just a bit tired on this late afternoon in her chambers overlooking downtown Ann Arbor, it's understandable. Hines was up past midnight preparing for 36 cases on that day's domestic violence docket."

[Full story](#)

### **Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Courts filling in gaps in Michigan's medical marijuana law**

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled medical marijuana users may share small amounts of pot without running afoul of state law. But that's only if no money changes hands. Courts have been busy filling gaps in Michigan's medical marijuana law since it was approved by voters in 2008."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Oakland County Legal News: No crime in sharing medical marijuana, Court of Appeals says**

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### **Oakland County Legal News: Judge opens door for Michigan juvenile lifers**

"All Michigan inmates serving no-parole sentences for murder committed as juveniles are entitled to a chance at release, a judge said Wednesday, declaring that a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision applies retroactively."

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